

of reducing the expenditures of the State Government, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Messrs. Throckmorton, Guinn and Parsons were appointed said committee on part of the Senate.

Mr. Duggan offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Rev. James C. Wilson, Texas has lost one of her most gifted, noble and patriotic statesmen, the community one of its brightest ornaments, and the cause of Christianity, one of its most able, efficient and useful Ministers.

*Resolved*, That we tender to his bereaved widow and fatherless children our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss. And that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to them by the Secretary of the Senate.

*Resolved*, That as a token of respect, and in honor to our beloved and departed friend, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. And that this Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 23d, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill to prescribe the pay and mileage of the members and pay of the officers of the State Convention and to make an appropriation for the same.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was taken up. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Finance, and Messrs. Herbert and Stockdale were added to that committee.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of Thomas G. McGehee, for relief. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of William Rice, asking compensation for services rendered. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a House bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A bill concerning the corporation of the town of Crockett.

A bill further regulating proceedings in the District Court.

A bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an act to incorporate the Southern Cotton Press and Manufacturing Company, approved, February 11th, 1860.

A bill to authorize the county courts of the several counties to transfer portions of the jury fund to the general county fund.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston Seminary.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston Turner's Association.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Columbus Tap Railway Company, approved 2nd February, 1860.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an act to amend the 4th section of an act of May 12th 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of Attorneys and Counselors-at-law, and to amend the 2nd section of the act of February 11th, 1854, entitled an act to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an act to regulate the license and practice of Attorneys and Counselors-at-law, approved January 24th 1860.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to reduce into one, and amend the several acts concerning executions, passed January 27th, 1842. The object of the bill is to re-enact the two-thirds appraisement system of sales under execution, which was repealed by the execution act of 27th January, 1842. The proposition is presented as a portion of the proposed stay law legislation which is now before the Senate and for the reasons heretofore assigned by the committee during the present session against such legislation, a majority of the committee direct me to return the bill to the Senate and recommend its rejection.

The committee have also considered a bill to regulate forced sales of property under execution by Sheriffs and other officers. The object of the bill is the same as that above reported on and a majority of the committee recommend its rejection.

Mr. Miller, from the Judiciary committee, made the following minority report :

The Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to reduce into one, and amend the several acts concerning executions, passed January 27th, 1842, and several other bills and memorials on the same subject, have had the same under consideration, and a minority of said committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage with amendment. The minority is



fully impressed with the importance of stability in the laws and the deleterious effects of frequent and unnecessary changes. And under no ordinary circumstances would they consent to be instrumental even in the slight change now proposed. But the failure of several years crops, consequent upon long continued droughts and the derangement of the financial and commercial world resulting from the political convulsions now agitating the North American States have inaugurated a crisis such as is not likely to occur again in a quarter of a century. Capital is being withdrawn from the market, our people are indebted and can now by no possibility obtain the means of liquidation hence the several memorials to the Legislature for a short respite, until they can realize the proceeds of the years crop, for which the prospect was never brighter.

The bill recommended is simply a revival of the appraisement law of 1842, which was the last of a series of such laws, which then afforded much relief. The bill is supplemental—repeals no law and exists only for twelve months, it then ceases and leaves the present execution law entire.

Mr. Dulaney introduced a bill to amend an act to regulate Ferries, passed January 23rd, 1850. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Roads Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Herbert introduced a bill for the relief of Thomas H. Duggan. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on Land Office, to whom was referred a bill to repeal the joint resolution concerning county Surveyors, approved December 29th, 1837, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Guion, a bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson was taken up, rule suspended; read and passed to a third reading; rule further suspended bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Erath a bill to repeal the joint resolution respecting county Surveyors, approved December 29th, 1837, was taken upon, rule suspended bill read and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Miller, chairman of the Finance committee, to whom was referred a bill to prescribe the pay and mileage of the members, and pay of the officers of the State Convention, and to make an appropriation for the same, reported the bill back to the Senate, with the following amendment, and recommended its passage:

Strike out of the 1st section the word "neither" in the 6th line from the bottom, and all that follows it of said section. On

motion of Mr. Miller the bill and report was taken up; rule suspended, amendment adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule further suspended bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the Senate adjourned til 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Senate met—roll called—no quorum.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. Monday.

MONDAY, March 25th, 1861, 10 o'clock. A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The President pro tem being absent. On motion of Mr. Whaley, Mr. Guinn was called to the chair. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Walker presented the petition of Mrs. Sarah H. Cockrill. Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Herbert, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Titus county, asking the grant of a charter to Anderson Fitzgerald and William Cooper to build a dam across the Sulphur Fork of Red River, reported the same to the Senate, and recommended its rejection; because said stream is a navigable river.

Mr. Herbert, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred a bill supplemental to, and amendatory of, an act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company, approved February 9th, 1860, reported the same to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the report and bill were taken up, rule suspended, bill read, and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Fall, Guinn, Harmon, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Walker and Whaley—24.

NAYS—None.